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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION ADOPTS "AREQUIPA PROTOCOL"
EXTENDING DEADLINES

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1. THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION (ANCOM) WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 24 (REFTEL) OPENED INSTEAD ONE WEEK EARLIER ON APRIL 17. ANCOM SOURCES SAID THE LATTER CHANGE WAS MADE TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH A SCHEDULED FAIR IN BOGOTA. AFTER MEETING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK (INCLUDING ONE DAY IN AREQUIPA) THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE "AREQUIPA PROTOCOL" AND RECESSED FOR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT TAKING ANY
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OTHER FORMAL ACTIONS.

2. THE NEW PROTOCOL ESSENTIALLY EXTENDS FOR ONE YEAR ALL DEADLINES ASSOCIATED WITH SECTORAL PROGRAMS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SPID), THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF (CXT), AND TRADE LIBERALIZATION. ALL OF THESE ARE INTER-RELATED SINCE A PRODUCT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION OF THE CXT OR TRADE

LIBERALIZATION IS DETERMINED BY WHETHER OR NOT THE PRODUCT IS ONE INCLUDED IN A SPID. THE DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF SPIDS HAS BEEN EXTENDED ONE YEAR TO DECEMBER 31, 1979. SCHEDULES SPECIFIED UNDER EXISTING SPIDS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

2. THE TARGET DATE FOR ADOPTION OF THE CXT HAS ALSO BEEN DELAYED ONE YEAR TO DECEMBER 31, 1979. THE DATE BY WHICH THE MEMBERS ARE TO BEGIN THE MOVE TO THE CXT IS POSTPONED ONE YEAR TO DECEMBER 31, 1980. BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR ARE GIVEN ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1989, TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS.

3. THE SCHEDULES FOR THE LIBERALIZATION OF PRODUCTS RESERVED FOR BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR ARE REVISED SLIGHTLY AND THE DATE FOR ESTABLISHING THE POINT OF DEPARTURE AND COMMENCING THE LIBERALIZATION PROCESS IS DELAYED ONE YEAR. IN THE CASE OF PRODUCTS NOT BEING PRODUCED BUT RESERVED FOR BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR THIS IS NOW DECEMBER 31, 1978. THE LIST OF THESE PRODUCTS IS TO BE APPROVED BY OCTOBER 31, 1978. IN THE CASE OF PRODUCTS ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR SPIDS, BUT THEN NOT INCLUDED, TARIFFS ARE TO BE ELIMINATED IN FOUR ANNUAL REDUCTIONS OF 10, 20, 30, AND 40 PER CENT BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 1980. THE BASIC LIBERALIZATION SCHEDULE FOR PRODUCTS NOT INCLUDED IN SPIDS OR RESERVED FOR BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR IS NOT AFFECTED AND IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY COLOMBIA, PERU AND VENEZUELA AS SPECIFIED BY ARTICLE 52 OF THE CARTAGENA ACCORD. LIBERALIZATION BY BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR

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IS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO DECEMBER 31, 1989, ONE YEAR LATER THAN PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED.

4. FINALLY, THE PROTOCOL PERMITS THE COMMISSION, ACTING BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1979, TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR THE PERIOD THAT PRODUCTS MAY BE RESERVED FROM LIBERATION. THE COMMISSION MAY ALSO PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CXT. ADOPTION OF SUCH PROPOSALS REQUIRES TWO THIRDS APPROVAL WITH NO DISSENTING VOTE.

5. COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER THE NEED FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO COMPLETE APPROVAL OF THE VARIOUS PENDING SPIDS WAS APPARENT AND ACCEPTED. PROVIDING FOR EXTRA LEEWAY FOR BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR TO COMPLY WITH THEIR TARIFF OBLIGATIONS IS A GESTURE TO THE DISSATISFACTION OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT LITTLE MORE. BOTH PERUVIAN AND ANCOM SOURCES PROFESS THAT THE RECESS IS NOT DUE TO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES AND SAY THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE METALWORKING AND PETROCHEMICAL SPIDS AND ON A FIRST CUT AT THE JUNTA'S PROPOSAL FOR A CXT. THESE WERE THE OTHER IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS AND WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN IN MAY. THE MOVE TO AREQUIPA FOR THE FINAL SESSION OF THE WEEK WAS

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INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TOURISM AND INTEGRATION GASTON IBANEZ O'BRIEN
AS SIMPLY A MEANS OF ALLOWING THE COMMISSION TO FAMILIARIZE
THEMSELVES WITH AN AREA OUTSIDE LIMA AND SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE
COMMISSION MEETINGS MAY BE HELD OFTEN IN OTHER CITIES.
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